

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 19, 2007
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A
Phoenix, Arizona**

Members Present:

Ben Bobrow, Chairman
Jeff Daniel
John Gallagher
John H. Raife
Daniel Spaite
Thomas L. Wachtel
Frank Walter
Janine Anderson

Members Absent:

Wendy Ann Lucid
Harvey Meislin
Carrie Walters
Michael Ward

By Teleconference:

Philip Richemont, M.D.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON JANUARY 19, 2007 MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Spaite and seconded by John Gallagher to approve the agenda for September 22, 2006. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS:

A. Report from the Office of the Director:

1. Director's Steering Committee on Diversion

- a. Mullins briefly updated the Director's Steering Committee on Diversion. He reported that the Director has made several recommendations put forth by the subcommittees including educational public service announcements dealing with the "flu season" and appropriate treatment methodologies and prophylaxis. With the outbreak of the "flu season in Arizona" he expected the committees would become more active again. Vicky Conditt offered www.acep.org as a link for more information.
- b. AEMS has worked with the Director of Steering Committee and the Central EMS Region of the Southeast Sector Alternate Destination Protocol as well as the Arizona Hospital Association and its participating groups to develop a pilot program that has been approved and will be launched in the next 45 days.

B. Report from the Bureau Chief:

1. Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, introduced Vatsal Chikani as the new Biostatistician for BEMS and Trauma System. Chikani will be working with the Trauma Registry and Dr. Bobrow on the Cardio Vascular Program and Data Collection.
2. Mullins also announced Amanda Valenzuela, who had worked with the MDC Committee has left state employment to take up a position in New York City. He requested that all correspondence be addressed to him or Ed Armijo.

C. Chairman's Report:

- Ben Bobrow, Chairman, welcomed Dr. Jeff Daniels from Flagstaff to the Medical Direction Commission and the EMS Council.
- **SHARE Program Update:**
Bobrow also gave an update of the SHARE program and gave a review of the data collection from the SHARE program.

Discussion ensued regarding the report of the SHARE program.

- **ASPIRE Program Update:**
Dr. Sara Shimmin gave a brief presentation on the ASPIRE project.

Discussion ensued regarding the report of the ASPIRE program.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee Report – The committee met on September 16, 2006.

B. Recommendations of Revisions of Table 1

1. Dr. Gallagher recommended changing, under Antimetics, Promethazine HCl, Ondansetron HCl and Prochlorperazine edisylate from “optional” to standard “adult dosage”.
2. On page 3, change Lorazepam from “optional” to “8 mg maximum”.

C. Pediatric Triage and Treatment Protocols:

1. Gallagher recommended amending cc/kg to mL/kg throughout the document.
2. Page 3, third box in the right hand column under Glucose of Pediatric-Submersion Injury, add D50 after D10 and D25 to allow it to be consistent with the fourth table under ALS on page 4.

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by Ben Bobrow to approve the Revised Pediatric Triage Protocols be accepted with the recommended amendments. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by Walter to define the pediatric age as 14 years and under for the purpose of the protocol. After much discussion all agreed to bring the matter back up later after meeting with regional groups to discuss approximate pediatric age. **Motion carried.**

D. Discussion and Action on Adopting Drug Profiles as Guidance Documents:

1. Racemic Epinephrine
2. Lorazepam
3. Cimetidine
4. Famotidine
5. Ranitidine

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by rank Walter to approve the proposed drug profiles as guidance documents as well as changing from ml to mL to be consistent throughout the document. **Motion carried.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Education Committee

The committee met on November 16, 2005:

- Janine Anderson welcomed two new members, John Valentine from Parker, Arizona and Brenda Sutton from Phoenix. Anderson reported they discussed role of the Education committee off of the EMS Council. Stated will re-focus direction to guidance documents/curricula for new procedures and treatments that were coming as FDA

approval or by recommendation of MDS Council or EMS Council.

- Anderson states also in process of drafting and revising curricula on LMA/Dual Lumen Airway, Easy IO and CPAP. She also states that they make by-law changes to meet at least three times a year – two months before the MDC and EMS council.
- Work groups were also formed to recommend requirements for on-line EMT education and definition of “contact hour” that will include some Education Committee members and other members throughout Arizona.

B. Action Items

1. R9-25-513 Supplemental Skill Training Instructor Requirements

Anyone who is overseeing skill training in an EMT class shall meet the qualifications of an Instructor specified in the supplemental skill training curriculum; of it there is no curriculum that they would be able to serve as a preceptor for a course at that level. After some discussion, a motion to accept the “Rulemaking to Establish Supplemental Skill Training Instructor Requirements” by Gallagher was seconded by Walter.

Motion carried.

2. R9-25-305

Anderson states that it has been sproved for EMT-Bs to carry auto-injectors for epinephrine in their drug box. The Committee sought approval to add this training to both EMT-B initial and EMT-B refresher courses. After some discussion a motion by Thomas Wachtel to effect these changes was seconded by Gallagher. **Motion carried.**

3. Anderson announced that the next Education Committee meeting was schedule for February 8th at 10:00 a.m. and she invited recommendations for agenda items.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mark Venuti stated he wanted to change Etomidate from 80 mg to 40 mg .
Motion carried.

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- Thomas Wachtel announced that the Scottsdale Trauma Conference will be held on April 20, 2007.
- The Avian Flu Potential Disaster event will be on Sunday the 22nd.
- ACS Survey is out. Participation is imperative.
- Arizona Statewide Trauma Grand Rounds and the Arizona Statewide Research Coalition is now looking at methamphetamine use.
- Frank Walter reported that there were grant subsidized courses March 3, 4th and 5th; Advanced on March 23rd, and Advanced Disaster Life Support in Phoenix on March 24th and 25th. For more information, the website is www.crestaznm.org.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Medical Direction Committee will be held April 20, 2007.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.